

July 31, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Advisory Committee on Academic Programs

From: Dr. R. Lynn Kelley, Acting Director of Academic Affairs and Licensing

EEDA Activities Summary for ACAP Meeting

The following represents a summary of items and activities related to the implementation of the Education and Economic Development Act:

- EEDA requires colleges of education to address in the training of teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators the following: career guidance; use of cluster of study curriculum framework and IGPs; learning styles; Career Guidance Model of the South Carolina Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program Model; contextual teaching; cooperative learning; and character education. Performance-based standards to be developed and included as criteria for teacher program approval. *Status: Please see Dr. Allison Jacques' memo (to be distributed during the meeting), which provides an update from the State Department of Education on these activities. CHE has received funding to support release time for faculty for these initiatives.*
- ACAP will make recommendations to CHE regarding acceptable course work for dual enrollment / transfer within a related course of study. *Status: A proposal was developed jointly by the CHE, SDE and SCTCS and was presented to the EEDA Coordinating Council by Dr. Morrison at its July 11, 2006 meeting for dual enrollment funding. Please refer to the copy of this proposal which will be distributed during the meeting.*

- ACAP, in collaboration with SDE, will coordinate work to study the content and rigor of high school courses in order to provide a seamless pathway to postsecondary education. **Status: (1) CHE coordinated a presentation, which was very well received, by Dr. David Conley, Center for Educational Policy Research at the University of Oregon, to the Expanded ACAP group at its last meeting. Subsequently, Dr. Conley has partnered with CHE, SDE and the SCTCS in the development of a \$766,000 proposal to FIPSE (submitted July 11, 2006) to fund articulation work throughout the state. (2) Current consideration of possible revision to *College Preparatory Course Prerequisite Requirements*.**
- The Commission on Higher Education is placing a request for funding in its 2007-08 budget request for an electronic transcript system for all institutions of higher education in the state.
- The XAP Corporation has been invited to present information on its Mentor transcript system and other components for higher education at the October 11, 2007 ACAP meeting. XAP is responsible for the creation of integrated state system portals for North Carolina and Georgia (among other states), and the SREB portal as well.
- CHE staff and other higher education stakeholders participated last week in a conference call with the SIF Association (Schools Interoperability Framework) seeking to form a special interest group dedicated to finding solutions to move data more easily between K-12 and levels of higher education.